

**2021**

( 5th Semester )

**SOCIOLOGY**

Paper No. : SOC-501

**( Marriage, Family and Kinship )**

*Full Marks : 70*

*Pass Marks : 45%*

*Time : 3 hours*

**( PART : B—DESCRIPTIVE )**

**( Marks : 45 )**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Discuss the different rules and forms of marriage. 4½+4½=9

*Or*

What are the major problems in marriage that the society is facing today? Discuss. 9

2. Explain the Duvall's stages of family life cycle. 9

*Or*

Discuss the structure and changing trend of family. 9

3. Discuss the interactionist theory on family. 9

Or

Explain the functionalists' perspective on family. 9

4. Explain the genealogical method with suitable illustration. 9

Or

What do you understand by kinship terminologies? Explain. 9

5. Write an essay on any North-East matrilineal society with suitable examples. 9

Or

What is patriarchy? Discuss the patrilineal system with reference to North-East. 2+7=9

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( PART : A—OBJECTIVE )

( Marks : 25 )

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SECTION—I

( Marks : 10 )

Put a Tick (✓) mark against the correct answer in the brackets provided : 1×10=10

1. The form of marriage in which a man marries the sister of his deceased wife is known as

(a) sororate ( )

(b) levirate ( )

(c) Both of the above ( )

2. A form of marriage in which one man marries more than one woman at a given time is

(a) polygyny ( )

(b) monogamy ( )

(c) polyandry ( )

3. The term 'family' has been derived from

(a) Latin word 'familive' ( )

(b) Greek word 'familarte' ( )

(c) Roman word 'famulus' ( )

4. The family in which one is born is the

(a) family of procreation ( )

(b) family of orientation ( )

(c) achieved family ( )

(d) ascribed family ( )

5. Which one of the following is not the main universal function of the family?

(a) Socialization ( )

(b) Consumption unit ( )

(c) Production unit ( )

(d) Regulation and expression of sexuality ( )

6. Who among the following is associated with conflict theory?

(a) Charles H. Cooley ( )

(b) Radcliffe-Brown ( )

(c) Karl Marx ( )

(d) George H. Mead ( )

7. Those kins who are related to each other directly through descent are called

(a) lineal kins ( )

(b) descent kins ( )

(c) direct kins ( )

(d) primary kins ( )

8. The relationship based on the blood ties is called

(a) blood kinship ( )

(b) parallel kinship ( )

(c) paternal kinship ( )

(d) consanguineous kinship ( )

9. The youngest daughter among the Khasi is called

(a) Khadduh ( )

(b) Kong ( )

(c) Kongthei ( )

10. In which one of the following groom does not leave his house-hold?

(a) Patrilocal residence ( )

(b) Matrilocal residence ( )

(c) Neo-local residence ( )

(d) Avunculocal residence ( )

SECTION—II

( Marks : 5 )

Indicate whether the following statements are *True (T)* or *False (F)* by putting a Tick (✓) mark : 1×5=5

1. Individual that belongs to their father's descent group is patrilineal descent.

( T / F )

2. Levirate means a man marrying wife's sister while the wife is still alive.

( T / F )

3. The family as a social institution contributes to social inequality is related with conflict theory.

( T / F )

4. The nuclear and the joint family can be looked at as a continuum in terms of a developmental cycle.

( T / F )

5. To marry a woman of a higher caste is called hypogamy.

( T / F )



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SECTION—III

( Marks : 10 )

Write short answer on any *five* of the following : 2×5=10

1. Write the merits and demerits of joint family.

2. What is dowry?

The dowry is the property or money that the bride's family transfers to the groom's family at the time of marriage. It is a traditional practice in many cultures, particularly in South Asia. The dowry is often used to provide the bride with financial security and to help her establish her new household. It can include a variety of items, such as jewelry, clothing, furniture, and cash.

In some cultures, the dowry is considered a form of inheritance for the bride. It is often passed down from one generation to the next. However, in some cases, the dowry can be misused or even sold off, leading to financial hardship for the bride and her family.

The dowry is a complex and often controversial practice. It is a source of pride for many families, but it can also be a source of tension and conflict. In some cases, the dowry is used as a bargaining chip in negotiations between the bride's and groom's families.

While the dowry is a traditional practice, it is also a source of social inequality. Families with more resources are able to provide larger dowries, while families with fewer resources are unable to do so. This can lead to a cycle of poverty and social exclusion.

3. What is Joking relationship?

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4. Write a short note on the conflict perspective on the family.

5. What is polygyny?

6. Differentiate between patrilineal and matrilineal descent system.

7. What is incest taboo?

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